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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 8959

THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM WAS SENT 24 MAR 78 ACTION TO  
BANGKOK PRIORITY, INFO VIENTIANE PRIORITY FM AMCONSUL UDORN  
AND IS REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION:

QUOTE:

C O N F I D E N T I A L UDORN 0076

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SREX TH LA  
SUBJECT: LOWLAND LAO REFUGEES ENTER SRI CHIANG MAI DISTRICT,  
NONG KHAI PROVINCE

REF: UDORN 0068

1. CONREP TRAVELLED TO SRI CHIANG MAI DISTRICT, NONG  
KHAI PROVINCE MARCH 22 AND OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFORMATION  
CONCERNING RECENT REFUGEE ARRIVALS THERE:

2. ACCORDING TO DISTRICT POLICE DUTY OFFICER, NINETY  
NINE NEW REFUGEES, ROUGHLY HALF ETHNIC LOWLAND LAO AND  
HALF ETHNIC VIETNAMESE, ENTERED DISTRICT BETWEEN  
MARCH 18 AND 22.

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3. TWO OF NEW ARRIVALS ENTERING DISTRICT FROM VIENTIANE  
AREA TOLD CONREP THEY DECIDED TO SEEK REFUGE IN THAILAND  
AT THIS TIME ON BASIS OF LETTERS FROM RELATIVES LIVING  
IN NONG KHAI REFUGEE CAMP. LETTERS REPORTEDLY NNFORMED  
THEM THAT THAI AUTHORITIES HAD RELAXED NOVEMBER 15, 1977  
EXCLUSIONARY POLICY AND WERE ALLOWING REFUGEES HELD AT

PROVINCIAL DETENTION CENTER TO ENTER NONG KHAI CAMP IF  
THEY HAD RELATIVES IN CAMP WILLING TO PETITION FOR THEM.  
(REFTEL)

4. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT ACCORDING TO DISTRICT AUTHORITIES  
IN BUNG KAN AND PHON PHISAI, TOTAL OF FIFTEEN VIETNAMESE/LAO  
AND THAI DAM CROSSED MEKONG RIVER INTO THOSE DISTRICTS  
DURING SAME PERIOD THAT GROUP OF NINETY-NINE ENTERED  
SRI CHIANG MAI. AS REPORTED ABOVE, THERE IS EVIDENCE  
SUGGESTING THAT AMONG THESE GROUPS OF REFUGEES ARE A NUMBER  
WHO HOPE TO CAPITALIZE ON RECENT SLACKENING OF RTG  
EXCLUSIONARY POLICY THAT PERMITS ENTRY TO THAILAND  
TO THOSE WITH RELATIVES IN NONG KHAI CAMP.  
FINNEY

UNQUOTE:  
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